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Calgary has a connection with the Women's Votes stamp and Nellie McClung.
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THE CENTENNIAL OF SUFFRAGE IN CANADA

by Elizabeth Saunaranta

The Womens' Votes stamp (shown on front cover) issued this year on March 8 had special significance for Calgary philatelists because one of the principal suffragists, Nellie McClung, lived here in this city. Her house is still preserved as an historical site at the corner of 7 Street SW and 15 Avenue. She lived there with her husband (a pharmacist), and their five children. The house (Figure 1) is now the consulate of the Republic of Columbia.



Figure 1: Nellie McClung's house, seen from the back

McClung, along with four other suffragists, first achieved success in 1914 with the "Women are persons" case that became a landmark in Canadian legal history. They were collectively known as the Famous Five. She then campaigned for voting rights in the Prairie provinces and succeeded in 1916, when for the first time, women were allowed to vote in those provincial elections. Other provinces followed later, and the federal government in 1919.

On the front cover of this bulletin is the FDC of the stamp, with a portrait of McClung as a younger woman in the cachet. It was not her first postal recognition. A postage stamp honoured her in 1973 on the centennial of her birthday. An FDC is shown in Figure 2 on the next page, showing her in her final years.

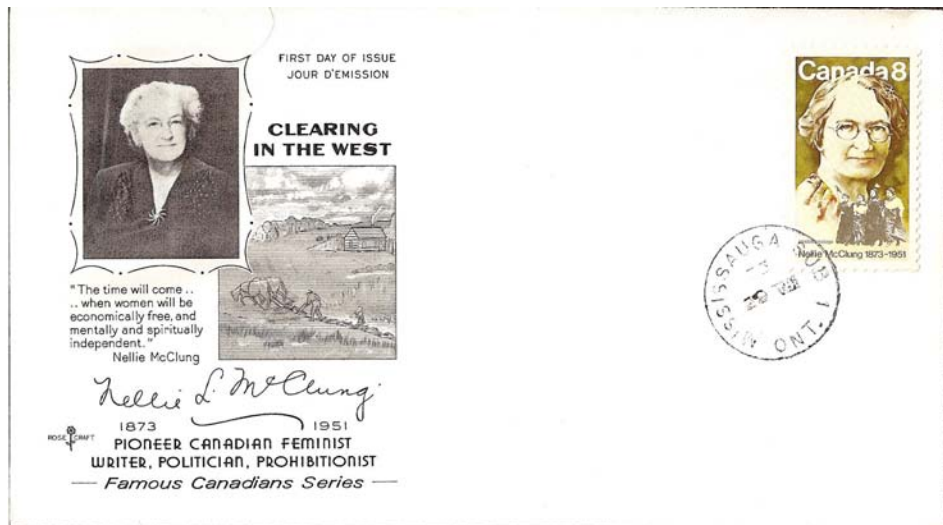


Figure 2: Nellie McClung on 1973 stamp.



Figure 3: Nellie McClung holding up court decision.

McClung was honoured again in the Millennium series of stamps, showing a bronze statue of her holding up a copy of the *Women Are Persons* court decision (Figure 3).

That image came from a group of statues in downtown Calgary on the southwest corner of Olympic Plaza, showing the Famous Five celebrating the decision (Figure 4, next page).



Figure 4: The bronze statues in Olympic Plaza, upon which the stamp design was based. McClung is at far right.

COWTOWNERS DO WELL IN EDMONTON

At the Edmonton National Spring Show the weekend of April 2 and 3, CPS exhibitors won the following awards.

Jim Taylor: "St Pierre et Miquelon 1932 to 1946" won Gold, the American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence, and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Exhibiting Excellence Award. His other exhibit "Continental Drift And Plate Tectonics" won Vermeil, the AAPE Creativity Award, and the American Topical Association First Award.

Donna Trathen: "Christina Broom, Photographer" won Vermeil.

Earle Covert: "Registered Mail of the Elizabethan Era in Canada and to and from the USA" won Vermeil and the AAPE Silver Pin. His other exhibit "Canadian Postal Stationery using the Wilding Portrait" won Vermeil and the Corgi Award

Well done to all!

FOREIGN AIR MAIL INDICIA

by Nino Chiovelli

Indicium and indicia (plural) are the stamp impressions of a postage meter or the imprint on postal stationery (as opposed to an adhesive stamp), indicating prepayment and postal validity.

At times I'm still trying to figure out whether or not I'm a philatelist or an accumulator. Actual time spent on organizing the great variety of material stuffed into shoe boxes is minimal. However, all of the items have generated the need to do a bit of research; mainly to find out why they exist.

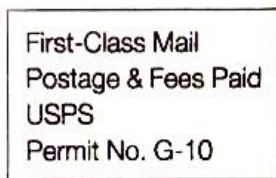
Along the way it just seemed right to save some items that had covers bearing the Canada Post generic indicia. For example, the envelopes and enclosed statement when Premier Ralph Klein's Alberta Conservative Government mailed each Albertan a cheque in the sum of \$400.00. Just in case our grandchildren may have thought we were slinging them a line while talking about the good old days.

Then on another occasion we had our renewed passports mailed to us and the Xpresspost cover seemed like keeping it would be a good idea. That of course led to keeping foreign covers bearing indicia thus creating the need for the extra shoe box.

On May 5, 2013, Canada Post authorized bulk mailing customers the use of custom indicia. Soon noticing some varieties of those indicia created several new additions to my shoe box accumulation. A few local clubs began publishing brief articles featuring examples of generic and custom Admail indicia.

Canadian Lettermail, Xpresspost, Registered Mail and other services all in the airmail category as well as foreign indicia examples should be presented. Everyone has some of these items in their collections. There are many specialized clubs for indicia collectors along with some interesting publications on the subject. The following are corner scans of foreign indicia. Figure 1 is a U.S. Postal Service indicium, while Figure 2 is from INPS, the Italian State Pension Bureau, a Priority Post indicium authorized November 2006. This authority was good until January 31, 2007.

Figure 1 at right, Figure 2 below.



INPS Priority Post/Postel indicium in Figure 3. This type was authorized September 15, 2006. INPS mailings were contracted to the Hungarian Postal Service for international distribution, as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 3 above, Figure 4 below.



Figure 5 is from Lorraine Regional Council, France: Pre-printed Priority Post 2006. Mailed from Moselle, France (with Canadian spray-on cancel overtop). Figure 6 is an Australian unnamed business: Very expressive theme indicium. Used on an airmail cover.



Figure 5 above, Figure 6 at right.

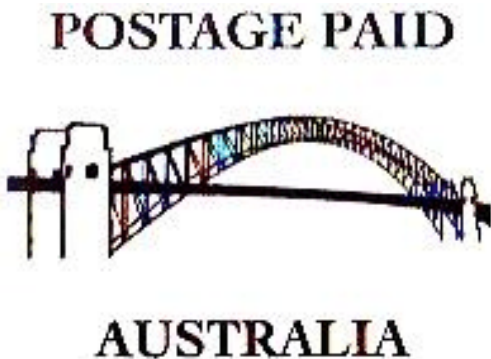


Figure 7 is from Buchmuller & Co, Zurich, Switzerland: Priority Post indicium. Alitalia Priority Post mailing contracted to Netherlands Post. Figure 8 is an INPS mailing indicium from a British bank contracted to distribute international payments of Italian pensions.



Figure 7



Figure 8

Figure 9 (below) is from France. This is a pre-stamped domestic rate envelope indicium. Issued by the 15th World Balloon Championship Committee, Chatellerault, France.



Figure 9: The stamp image is red, and the sepia enlargement is blue.

References.

Information on indicia can be obtained by keying in the following search terms:
www.canadapost.ca, then go to the Postal Guide, subject Indicia

Other references consulted were:

The Meter Stamp Society
 Postal Stationery a Worthy Collectable
 Postal History Corner
 The Precancel Handbook
 Wikipedia

POSTAL NEWS IN CALGARY

by Dale Speirs

Re-opened RePO.

Tuscany: Rexall Drugs at Tuscany Blvd NW closed in November 2015 after a fire. The building was gutted and rebuilt. The RePO opened again on March 7, 2016. Thanks to Mike McPhail for keeping me informed.



New RePO.



Glamorgan: London Drugs at Richmond Road and 50 Street SW. I frequently drive by this shopping plaza but because the store is screened by other buildings, I never realized it had opened a retail outlet. The manager told me the RePO opened in November 2014.



BOLDLY COLLECT WHERE NO ONE HAS COLLECTED BEFORE

Canada Post has decorated a few of its vans in Calgary for the Star Trek stamps to be issued soon. At press time, the date of issue was a closely-guarded secret, much to everyone's annoyance.



There is a legitimate Canadian connection to Star Trek. Two of the lead stars, William Shatner and James Doohan, were Canucks. Vulcan is, of course, a rural town about an hour's drive south-southeast of Calgary. A few years before his death, Leonard Nimoy visited it. Vulcan's pictorial postmark shows its Star Trek museum.



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IS IT A KILLER OR A POSTMARK?

by Bill Cowling

If you have old Japanese stamps in your collection, you will likely have found some of the used ones covered, wholly or in part, by a big black blot. What is this killer? It is common on the Koban issues (Scott #55 to 74) and on other stamps and postcards during their period of use, from 1875 to the end of December 1887.



The Japanese American Society for Philately refers to these killers as “bota” (thumbprint) cancellations. They printed a study of them in their publication *THE POSTAL BELL* (1980, Vol. 29, #2). They report about 100 different botas based on shape, size, and post office. Examination and comparison shows differences between them, as in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Botas

Used in conjunction with a double-circle cancellation, the office of origin is revealed by the post office name at the centre of the bota, as shown in Figure 2. This was cancelled at Kobe on 1884-03-19. So, because one can assign bota cancellations to specific post offices, the killer is a postmark.

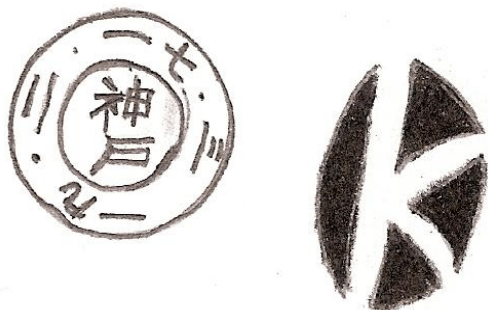
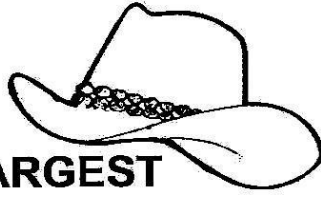


Figure 2: Postmark and bota



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WANTED: Canadian military covers and postcards with hospital ships (white with red crosses). Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jcjperfins@hotmail.com

CLUB NEWS

The April bulletin was a first-day cover for the Womens’ Vote stamp. It was mailed from the London Drugs at 8 Street SW and 15 Avenue in the Connaught district. That location was chosen because it is on the same block as Nellie McClung’s house. Be sure to mark all this on the back, not the front, of the envelope for the benefit of future collectors who may own it but not realize the significance.

At the April 6 general meeting, the President’s Pot was awarded to Gerry Vader for his behind-the-scenes volunteer work. At the May 4 meeting it was awarded posthumously to Ed Schultz, who died the previous month, for his volunteer work.

Julius Szekrenyes was the speaker at the May 4 meeting, showing stamps illustrating the theme of Ancient Egypt.

Many CPS members share their knowledge by publishing articles in other periodicals. In the 2016 January issue of FRANCE AND COLONIES PHILATELIST, Jim Taylor traced a series of covers from St Pierre et Miquelon and points beyond written to a peripatetic doctor. The 2015 Summer/Fall issue of PHSC JOURNAL had Dale Speirs’s postal history of the Carstair-Didsbury-Mennonite area. In the 2016 Second Quarter issue of BNA TOPICS, Speirs covered the postal history of the Water Valley district.

Members are asked to turn off their cellphones during meetings and to send any incoming calls automatically to voicemail. Courtesy is appreciated.

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2016

May	18	Auction
	25	CAPE meeting
June	1	General meeting
	8	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	15	Auction
	15	Deadline for July bulletin
August	10	Deadline for August bulletin
September	7	Annual general meeting
	7	Deadline for October bulletin
	14	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	21	Auction
	28	CAPE meeting
October	5	General meeting
	12	BNAPS Regional Group meeting
	14	CALTAPEX - show set-up 17h00
	15 to 16	CALTAPEX 2016
	16	CALTAPEX - auction
		lots submitted 10h00
		auction called 13h00
	19	Auction
	26	CAPE meeting

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, Room 205 (Lecture Room), 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow viewing.

CALTAPEX 2016 will be held in the Kerby Centre gymnasium. Details from Walter Herdzik at 238-7845.

BNAPS (Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society) meets second Wednesdays. For details, contact Dave Bartlet at 829-3580.

JUNIOR CLUB meets monthly on Saturdays. Information from Jim Senecal at 547-7681.

CAPE (Calgary Association Of Philatelic Exhibitors) meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

BNAPEX 2017 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Details to be announced.